

HOUSE RESOLUTION 221  
By Naifeh

A RESOLUTION to honor Erin Elizabeth Ellis, 1996 Valedictorian  
of Tipton-Rosemark Academy.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Erin Elizabeth Ellis is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as valedictorian of the 1996 class at Tipton-Rosemark Academy; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Miss Ellis has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Miss Ellis has earned an exceptional 4.14 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her display of intellectual prowess, she has been an active participant in a number of worthy academic and extracurricular organizations, including the Beta Club, Bible Club, Science Club, Thirteen Year Club, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, Foreign Language Club, and Drama Club; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellis has been the deserving recipient of a number of awards and recognitions of which even a brief list is inspiring: Science Fair winner, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Headmaster's Award, Citizenship Award, Academic

Excellence Award, Academic Achievement Award, Girls State representative, Academic Betterment Competition representative, “Most Academic” and “Most Likely to Succeed”; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellis has also devoted her time and talents to her classmates, serving as Freshman Class President, Sophomore Class Vice-President, Junior Class President and Senior Class President; she was a valuable member of the school’s girls basketball team and played significant roles in the school’s fall play productions; and

WHEREAS, outside of school, Miss Ellis has participated in the Tennessee Outreach Project to the Cumberland Mountains for two years and has been active in the United Methodist Youth Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellis’s noteworthy achievements are a great source of pride for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cato Ellis, her school, and the Atoka community; and

WHEREAS, Miss Ellis’s dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend and honor Erin Elizabeth Ellis, 1996 Tipton-Rosemark Academy valedictorian, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.